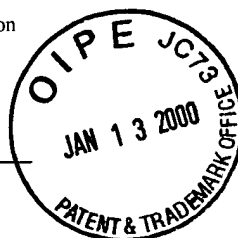


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Sir:


As a precautionary measure, applicants also request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 1999, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 5 (immediately below the title), insert:

--RELATED APPLICATION

 This is a continuation application of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/065,082 filed November 11, 1997, now abandoned.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-55 and 59-61.